

**A RESOLUTION
BY FINANCE/ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

08-R-1458

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN APPROPRIATE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH 911 DIRECT, INC., PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE X, DIVISION 4, SECTION 2-1191.1 OF THE PROCUREMENT AND REAL ESTATE CODE, OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA CODE OF ORDINANCES, FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIFTY-SIX (56) 911 DISPATCHER CONSOLES FOR THE ENHANCED 911 CENTER, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED NINE HUNDRED THIRTY- FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$935,000.00); ALL EXPENSES SHALL BE PAID FROM PROCEEDS OF THE LEASE/ PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ATLANTA AND WACHOVIA BANK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta ("City") is constructing a new Public Safety Facility which will house agencies and employees currently located at City Hall East; and

WHEREAS, these new facilities are required as a result of the sale of City Hall East; and

WHEREAS, dispatcher consoles are needed for the new 911 Center; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Police Department has identified dispatcher consoles that are durable with a heavy steel frame construction, cost effective, uniquely designed and ergonomically conducive to an environment where personnel will have to work 12-hour shifts; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Procurement Officer, in consultation with the Chief Operating Officer, has determined that an unusual or unique situation exists that makes the application of all requirements of competitive sealed bidding or competitive sealed proposals contrary to the public interest and, as such, deems it necessary and in the best interests of the City to provide for the immediate procurement of dispatcher consoles from 911 Direct, Inc.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES that the Mayor is hereby authorized under the authority of §2-1191.1 of Article X, Procurement And Real Estate Code, of the City of Atlanta, Code of Ordinances, to execute, on behalf of the City of Atlanta, an Agreement with 911 Direct, Inc., for the purchase of fifty-six (56) dispatcher consoles, in an amount not to exceed Nine Hundred Thirty- Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$935,000.00).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the consoles will be purchased using proceeds from the lease/ purchase agreement between the City of Atlanta and Wachovia Bank, authorized by Resolution 08-R-0405.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Attorney be and is hereby directed to prepare the appropriate contractual agreement for execution by the Mayor.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that said contractual agreement shall not become binding upon the City, and the City shall incur no liability upon the same until such contract is approved by the City Attorney as to form, executed by the Mayor, attested to by the Municipal Clerk, and delivered to the contracting parties.

Part II: Legislative White Paper: (This portion of the Legislative Request Form will be shared with City Council members and staff)

A. To be completed by Legislative Counsel:

Committee of Purview: Finance/ Executive Committee

Caption: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN APPROPRIATE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH 911 DIRECT, INC., PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE X, DIVISION 4, SECTION 2-1191.1 OF THE PROCUREMENT AND REAL ESTATE CODE, OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA CODE OF ORDINANCES, FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIFTY-SIX (56) 911 DISPATCHER CONSOLES FOR THE ENHANCED 911 CENTER, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED NINE HUNDRED THIRTY- FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$935,000.00); ALL EXPENSES SHALL BE PAID FROM PROCEEDS OF THE LEASE/ PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ATLANTA AND WACHOVIA BANK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Council Meeting Date: July 7, 2008

Requesting Dept.: Office of the Mayor

B. To be completed by the department:

1. Please provide a summary of the purpose of this legislation (Justification Statement).

The purpose of this legislation is to approve designation of Special Procurement status for Consoles for the Enhanced 911 Center.

2. Please provide background information regarding this legislation.

The Project Management Office for the Public Safety Facilities projects (Public Safety Headquarters, Public Safety Annex and E911) will need to supply 911 dispatcher consoles from the Manufacturer Bramic. These consoles have been approved and recommended by the APD for their design and functionality. The consoles will be purchased outside the normal Purchase Order process, they will be paid for utilizing a Line of Credit that has been designated for equipment for the Public Safety projects, including the 911 center.

3. If Applicable/Known:

(a) Contract Type (e.g. Professional Services, Construction Agreement, etc): N/A

(b) Source Selection: N/A

(c) Bids/Proposals Due: N/A

(d) Invitations Issued: N/A

(e) Number of Bids: N/A

(f) Proposals Received: N/A

(g) Bidders/Proponents: N/A

(h) Term of Contract: N/A

4. Fund Account Center (*Ex. Name and number*): Not Applicable

Fund: _____ Account: _____ Center: _____

5. Source of Funds:

6. Fiscal Impact: \$935,000.00

Example: This legislation will result in a reduction in the amount of N/A to Fund Account Center Number N/A.

7. Method of Cost Recovery: None

This Legislative Request Form Was Prepared By: Shannon Burton



CITY OF ATLANTA

Shirley Franklin
Mayor

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DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT
Adam L. Smith, Esq., CPPB
Chief Procurement Officer
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April 29, 2008

PROCUREMENT CODE SECTION 2-1191.1 SPECIAL PROCUREMENT DESIGNATION

Pursuant to Atlanta City Code Section 2-1191.1, the Chief Procurement Officer may initiate a procurement above the small purchase amount specified in Section 2-1190 where he/she determines that an unusual or unique situation exists that make the application of all requirements of competitive sealed bidding or competitive sealed proposals contrary to the public interest and such procurement does not technically qualify as a sole source procurement under Code Section 2-1191. Any special procurement under this Section shall be made with such competition as is practicable under the circumstances. A written determination of the basis for the procurement and for the selection of the particular contractor shall be included by the chief procurement officer in the contract file.

This special procurement request is made to procure specialty consoles for the Dispatch Operators at the Enhanced 911 Center on behalf of the Program Management Office for the following Public Safety Facilities projects: Public Safety Headquarters, Public Safety Annex and E911.

Having conducted an investigation of the available sources regarding the materials, goods and/or services stipulated herein pursuant to § 2-1191.1 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances, Special Procurement, my findings are the following:

- 1) The Project Management Office for the Public Safety Facilities projects (Public Safety Headquarters, Public Safety Annex and E911) will need to supply the Enhanced 911 Center with specialty consoles for the Dispatch Operators at the Center. It has been determined that the consoles must meet certain specific requirements for the operators. It has also been determined that such procurement does not technically qualify as a sole source.
- 2) The Atlanta Police Department ("APD") has gone through the exercise of testing and evaluating several different models and manufacturers of consoles to identify the console that will best meet the needs of the 911 Communication Center. Over the last few months, APD evaluated three (3) different console setups for the new Communications Center. The companies that were reviewed include Wright Line, Bramic Console and Watson.

Procurement Code Section 2-1191.1

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3) APD has identified the Bramic Console as the product that needs to be utilized in the 911 Communications Center. The installation for this type of operator console is necessary for the following reasons:

- Heavy construction – solid wood, not particle board;
- Steel frame construction;
- Excellent voice buffer technology with transparent acrylic top and sound buffers;
- Sound absorption innovation which reduces background noise and increase clarity for both the phones and radio operations;
- Meets ADA which increases the associate's efficiency and productivity;
- The lift adjustment which is able to sustain the 350 lbs requirement as the system rises from 23" to 50";
- Flush mounted environmental controls and dispensing units with task lighting; and
- CPU compartment construction allows for smooth movement reducing wear and tear on CAT 6 cables.

I, Adam L. Smith, by the authority vested in me pursuant to § 2-1191.1 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances, do hereby approve, direct and authorize the special procurement for furniture, cabling and electronic equipment for the awarded firm.


Adam L. Smith



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CITY OF ATLANTA

Office of the Mayor
Shirley Franklin
55 Trinity Avenue, SW
Atlanta, GA 30335-0300

MEMORANDUM

To: Adam Smith, Department of Procurement

From: Shannon Burton, Office of the Mayor

Date: April 28, 2008

Re: Special Procurement Request for 911 Consoles

The Project Management Office for the Public Safety Facilities projects (Public Safety Headquarters, Public Safety Annex and E911) will need to supply the Enhanced 911 Center with specialty consoles for the Dispatch Operators at the Center. The consoles must meet certain specific requirements for the operators. The Atlanta Police Department has gone through the exercise of testing and evaluating several different models and manufacturers of consoles to identify the console that will best meet the needs of the 911 Communications Center. Over the last few months they have looked at three (3) different console setups for the new Communications Center. The companies that we reviewed were Wright Line, Bramic and Watson.

The APD has identified the Bramic Console as the product that needs to be utilized in the Center.

Some of the justification the Police Department and 911 Director have given for the necessity of installing this type of operator console include:

- Heavy Construction – solid wood not particle board
- Steel frame construction
- Excellent voice buffer technology with see through acrylic top and sound buffers.
- Sound absorption innovation which reduces background noise and increase clarity for both the phones and radio operations.
- Meets ADA which increases the associates efficiency and productivity.
- The lift adjustment which is able to sustain the 350 lbs requirement as the system rises from 23" to 50".
- Flush mounted environmental controls and dispensing units with task lighting
- CPU compartment construction allows for smooth movement reducing wear and tear on CAT 6 cables.



CITY OF ATLANTA

Shirley Franklin
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Atlanta Police Department
Richard J. Pennington
Chief of Police

April 18, 2008

Ms. Shannon Burton
Office of the Mayor
55 Trinity Ave.
Atlanta, GA. 30308

Special Proc.

Reference: Letter of Justification for ~~Sole Source~~

Dear Ms. Burton:

The City of Atlanta has elected into an endeavor to develop a much needed new 911 Communications Center. It is in the best interest of the city to develop the *Flag Ship* of communication centers in the southeast, which has the most cost effective and durable equipment to push into the next decade and beyond. As the Communication's Director, it is our intention to be good stewards of the funds entrusted to us and at the same time develop an effective center that will make the City proud.

In an environment where personnel have to work 12 hour shifts, it is imperative that we provide the best equipment (work stations) being both durable and ergonomically conducive. The center is an extremely stressful environment which requires all associates be able to maintain a high level of efficiency. After reviewing the committee's evaluation package and conducting personal research, I concur with their selection of Bramic Marathon series consoles. With the amount of equipment the center is requiring and the need for longevity, we felt Bramic Marathon would not require replacement as frequently as Wright Line or Watson. The intent is to purchase a level of equipment which is cost effective and durable.

The following are key points which make the Bramic system conducive to the needs of the Atlanta 911 Communication Center and the associates who serve the citizens:

- Heavy Construction – solid wood not particle board
- Steel frame construction
- Excellent voice buffer technology with see through acrylic top and sound buffers.
- Sound absorption innovation which reduces background noise and increase clarity for both the phones and radio operations.

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The recommendations of the APD 911 Communication Director and of the Atlanta Police Department is attached.

The APD has identified a minority-owned firm that provides the required console:

911 Direct, Inc.
3201 Shamrock S.
Suite 103
Tallahassee, Florida 32309
Telephone: (850)-386-3002
Fax: (850)-386-3190

- Meets ADA which increases the associates efficiency and productivity.
- The lift adjustment which is able to sustain the 350 lbs requirement as the system rises from 23" to 50".
- Flush mounted environmental controls and dispensing units with task lighting
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This is a critical item within the Communication Center and requires the scrutiny the committee placed on the consoles and each other to ensure their associates received the most conducive consoles for their work environment.

Sincerely,

Miles R. Butler
Director of Communication



City of Atlanta

Internal Correspondence

Atlanta Police Department

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jeffery Glazier

FROM: Lt. B. P. Ross

DATE: January 8, 2008

RE: Consoles

Over the last few months we have looked at three (3) different console setups for the new Communications Center.

The companies that we reviewed were Wright Line, Bramic and Watson.

The committee chooses The Bramic Company.

The following reasons:

- Excellent work space
- Lift adjustments for keyboards
- Studier work station
- Great accessibility to computer monitors and keyboards
- Air and heat controls are located in great positions
- Light (individual access is great)
- Leg room is favorable
- Highly Innovative style, design, and ergonomic product
- Solid wood (High Quality)
- Excellent voice buffer technology with see through acrylic top
- Foot prop is good for leg pressure release
- Allows extra space for training new employees
- Quick connect and disconnect power distribution unit

Cc: Director M. R. Butler

TRANSMITTAL FORM FOR LEGISLATION

TO: MAYOR'S OFFICE

ATTN: GREG PRIDGEON

Dept.'s Legislative Liaison: GREG PRIDGEON

Contact Number: X 6115

Originating Department: Mayor's Office (EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

Committee(s) of Purview: Finance/ Executive Committee

Chief of Staff Deadline: June 18, 2008

Anticipated Committee Meeting Date(s): July 15-16, 2008

Anticipated Full Council Date: July 21, 2008

Legislative Counsel's Signature: [Signature]

Commissioner Signature: [Signature]

Chief Procurement Officer Signature: [Signature]

CAPTION

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FINANCIAL IMPACT (if any): \$935,000.00

Mayor's Staff Only

Received by CPO: _____ Received by LC from CPO: _____
(date) (date)

Received by Mayor's Office: 7/7/08 AK Reviewed by: [Signature]
(date) (date)

Submitted to Council: _____
(date)